## Akrura Enters Vrndavana

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Narrator: Kamsa sent Krsna's maternal uncle, Akrura, to Vrndavana to bring Krsna and Balarama to Mathura City on the pretext of participating in a grand festival. As Akrura drove his chariot toward Vrndavana, he thought of Krsna …

Akrura: That Supreme Personality of Godhead has now come just like an ordinary human being, and it is my good fortune to be able to see Him face to face. I am so fortunate that I will be able to see those very lotus feet on this day, and certainly I shall be able to see the beautiful face of Krsna which is marked on the forehead and nose with tilaka. And, I shall also see His smile and His curling black hair. I can be sure of his opportunity because I see that today the deer are passing on my right side. Today it will be possible for me to actually see the spiritual beauty of Vaikuntha because Krsna is the Supreme Visnu, and He has advented Himself out of His own good will. He is the reservoir of all beauty; therefore, my eyes will be filled today.

That Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krsna, has now appeared as one of the descendants of the Yadu dynasty. The principles of religion are His enacted laws. Those who are abiding by such laws are the demigods; and those who are not abiding are demons. He has advented Himself to give protection to the demigods, who are very obedient to the laws of the Supreme Lord. The devotees of the Lord take pleasure in abiding by the Lord's desires and Krsna takes pleasure in giving them all protection.

Krsna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead is the spiritual master of all spiritual masters. He is the deliverer of all fallen souls and the proprietor of the three worlds. Anyone is able to see Him with eyes smeared with love of Godhead.

Today, I shall be able to see the Supreme Personality of Godhead, who by His transcendental beauty has attracted the Goddess of Fortune to live with Him perpetually.

As soon as I arrive in Vrndavana, I will get down from the chariot and fall prostrate to offer my obeisances to the Supreme Lord, the master of material nature and all living entities. The lotus feet of Krsna are always worshiped by great mystic yogis, so I shall also worship His lotus feet and become one of His friends in Vrndavana like the cowherd boys.

When I bow down Lord Krsna in that way, certainly He will place His fearless lotus hand on my head. His lotus hand is offered to all conditioned souls who take shelter under His lotus feet. Krsna is the ultimate goal of life

for those who fear material existence and certainly, when I see Him, he will give me the shelter of His lotus feet.

I am going to see Krsna as a messenger of the enemy but Krsna is in each and everyone's heart as the Supersoul, so He must know my heart. Even though I am on a sinful mission, being deputed by Kamsa, when I approach the Supreme Personality of Godhead, I shall stand before Him with all humility and folded hands. Surely, He will be pleased with my devotional attitude. Maybe he will look upon me and smile lovingly and thereby free me from all kinds of sinful reaction. I shall then be on the platform of transcendental bliss and knowledge.

Since Krsna knows my heart, certainly when I approach Him, He will embrace me. I am not only one of the members of the Yadu dynasty but I am His unalloyed pure devotee. By His merciful embrace, my heart, my body and soul will be complete cleansed of the actions and reactions of my past life. When our bodies touch, I will immediately stand up with folded hands, with all humility. Certainly Krsna and Balarama will call me "Akrura, uncle", and at that time my whole life will be glorious. Unless one is recognized by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, his life cannot be successful.

When Krsna and Balarama are pleased with my prayers, certainly they will take my hand, receive me with in their home and offer me all kinds of hospitalities. And, they will surely ask me to tell Them of the activities of Kamsa and his friends.

Narrator: In this way, Akrura passed the whole journey without knowing how long it took. When he reached Vrndavan, the sun was setting. As soon as he entered the boundary of Vrndavana, he saw the footprints of the cows and Lord Krsna's foot prints, impressed with the signs the flag, trident, thunderbolt and lotus flower. Akrura immediately jumped down from the chariot. He became overwhelmed with all the symptoms of ecstasy. He wept, and his body trembled. Out of extreme jubilation upon seeing the dust touched by the lotus feet of Krsna, Akrura fell flat on his face and began to roll on the ground.

Akrura: Ah! This is the dust of my Master's feet!!

Narrator: Akrura's journey to Vrndavana is exemplary. One who intends to visit Vrndavana should follow the ideal example of Akrura and always think of Krsna's pastimes and activities. As soon as one reaches the boundary of Vrndavana, one should smear the dust of Vrndavan over his body, without thinking of his material position or prestige.

Actually, one cannot go to Vrndavana by purchasing a ticket. The process of going to Vrndavana is shown by Akrura.

(Music or Bhajans.)